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SUBJECT: REACTION TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S REPORT ON CYPRUS

1. JANUARY 20 PRESIDENTIAL REPORT TO CONGRESS ON CYPRUS PROBLEM WAS REPORTED PROMINENTLY IN WEEKEND GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS AND GENERATED FLURRY OF NEGATIVE UNCLASSIFIED

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EDITORIALS. THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL GOC REACTION TO THE REPORT; NEWSPAPERS REPORT THAT "OFFICIALS" DECLINED TO COMMENT UNTIL THEY HAD STUDIED THE COMPLETETEXT OF THE MESSAGE.

2. EDITORIALS IN GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS CRITICIZED THE PRESIDENT'S EXPRESSION OF OPTIMISM AND THE

PLACING OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM IN THE CONTEXT OF OVERALL GREECE-TURKEY RELATIONS. TA NEA (SOCIALIST) OPINED JANUARY 22 THAT CARTER'S "DELIBERATE MISTAKE" IN PRESENTING CYPRUS AS A GREEK-TURKISH PROBLEM RATHER THAN ONE OF OCCUPATION AND LIBERATION IS AN "INADMISSIBLE FORGERY." HARAVGHI (COMMUNIST) STRESSED THAT THE PRESIDENT'S OPTIMISM ABOUT PROGRESS WAS IN FACT THE HOPE THAT THE EMBARGO WOULD BE LIFTED AND THE U.S.-TURKEY DCA BE RATIFIED. RIGHTIST AGON SUGGESTED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER SHOULD NOT FORGET THAT TURKS HAVE RENEGED ON PROMISES IN PAST.

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